Eklutna Valley Community Council June 8, 2017 Meeting minutes

The meeting was chaired by council president Margan Grover and began at 7:00 p.m. The council met at the new Eklutna ranger station. Nine council members attended: Cheryl and Steve Remme, Margan Grover, Dan Thompson, Bob Reagan, Rick and Lisa Sinnott, Keith Darby, and Erlinda Downing. Guests included Maria Gravino.

The minutes of the January 18, 2017, meeting were approved with one typographical change. Bob Reagan reported \$466.64 in the council's funds.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

MTA upgrade. Bob suggested asking MTA to upgrade their infrastructure in Eklutna Valley because we have one of the slowest, if not the slowest, speeds in the municipality and whether the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) might be willing to intervene. The issue would be whether the internet service we get is so inferior to the normal standard as to be considered unduly discriminatory. Margan plans to get together with Randy Bangerter to write a letter to the MTA Board and send a copy to the RCA. She'll also invite them to an upcoming meeting.

EVCC rummage sale. Dan suggested that we hold a community-wide rummage sale, preferably at the Cheely's ice cream stand, with their permission.

Speeding motocycles on Eklutna Lake Road. Everyone present had experienced speeding motorcycles on Ekluktna Lake Road. Passing cars on the narrow, winding road was considered dangerous to the riders and anyone they might meet head on. It was moved and seconded to conduct a straw poll of community council members. If a majority of council members believed it worthwhile to contact APD to ask them to consider more patrols along the road on sunny evenings and weekends, then Margan would send a letter or email to APD's community service officer. The motion passed unanimously. The reason for the straw poll was a concern raised at the meeting that increased police presence might also snag a few speeding residents, so as many valley residents as possible should agree to the request.

Ernie Turner Center. The Chugiak-Eagle River Advisory Board discussed the proposed Ernie Turner Center. Because our community council was the only one directly affected by the facility, and we had submitted our conditional approval, the board recommended that the facility be approved by the Planning and Zoning Board.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:25 p.m.